

### REMARKS

The Office Action restricts the present invention between the following inventions:

Invention Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to a multi-composition stick product, classified in class 401, subclass 52; and

Invention Group II, claims 14-50, drawn to a system for a manufacturing a stick product, classified in class 141, subclass 9.

Applicant hereby elects Invention Group 1, claims 1-13, for further prosecution on the merits.

In addition, the Examiner has indicated that the claims of the present invention are directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I: Figures 3a-3d and 5,

Species II: Figures 4a-4b,

Species III: Figures 6a-6e,

Species IV: Figures 7a-7d,

Species V: Figures 8a-8c and

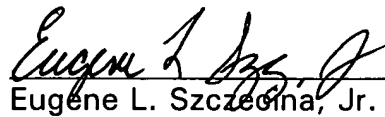
Species VI: Figures 9a-9f.

Applicant hereby elects Species Group III, Figures 6a-6e, for further prosecution on the merits.

Claims 1-13 read on the elected invention and species.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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